



# UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
United States Patent and Trademark Office  
Address: COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450  
www.uspto.gov

APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	CONFIRMATION NO.
10/529,429	03/25/2005	Kohji Minami	63173 (70801)	6668
21874	7590	02/07/2007	EXAMINER	
EDWARDS & ANGELL, LLP			SPECTOR, DAVID N	
P.O. BOX 55874			ART UNIT	PAPER NUMBER
BOSTON, MA 02205			2873	
			MAIL DATE	DELIVERY MODE
			02/07/2007	PAPER

Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office  
Address: COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

10/529429

APPLICATION NO./ CONTROL NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR / PATENT IN REEXAMINATION	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.
---------------------------------	-------------	---	---------------------

EXAMINER

ART UNIT      PAPER

20070205

DATE MAILED:

Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Commissioner for Patents

THE INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (IDS) FILED BY APPLICANT ON 1/09/2007 HAS BEEN RECEIVED AND REVIEWED BY THE EXAMINER. A COPY OF THE FORM PTO-1449 (E.G. ENCLOSED THEREIN) CITING ONE OR MORE REFERENCE(S) SUBMITTED FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE EXAMINER UNDER THE IDS HAS BEEN INITIALED AND SIGNED BY THE EXAMINER AND ATTACHED TO THIS COMMUNICATION TO INDICATE THAT EACH REFERENCE HAS BEEN CONSIDERED.

INFORMATION REGARDING THE STATUS OF AN APPLICATION MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE PATENT APPLICATION INFORMATION RETRIEVAL (PAIR) SYSTEM. STATUS INFORMATION FOR PUBLISHED APPLICATIONS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM EITHER PRIVATE PAIR OR PUBLIC PAIR. STATUS INFORMATION FOR UNPUBLISHED APPLICATIONS IS AVAILABLE THROUGH PRIVATE PAIR ONLY. FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE PAIR SYSTEM, SEE [HTTP://PAIR-DIRECT.USPTO.GOV](http://PAIR-DIRECT.USPTO.GOV). SHOULD YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ON ACCESS TO THE PRIVATE PAIR SYSTEM, CONTACT THE ELECTRONIC BUSINESS CENTER (EBC) AT 866-217-9197 (TOLL-FREE).

ANY OTHER INQUIRY CONCERNING THIS COMMUNICATION OR EARLIER COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE EXAMINER SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO DAVID N. SPECTOR WHOSE TELEPHONE NUMBER IS (571) 272-2338. THE EXAMINER CAN NORMALLY BE REACHED AT THIS NUMBER MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY BETWEEN 6:00 AM AND 2:30 PM.

ATTACHMENT: FORM-PTO/SB/08A/B (SUBSTITUTE FOR FORM-PTO-1449)

David N. Spector  
Primary Examiner  
Art Unit: 2873